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SUBJ: LABOR DISPUTE AT GOVERNMENT-OWNED TEXTILE FACTORIES

REF: COLOMBO 2682

1. THE 3,000 STRIKING EMPLOYEES OF THE TULHIRIYA TEXTILE FACTORY AND 2,300 FROM THE PUGODA TEXTILE FACTORY HAVE REPORT-EDLY BEEN SENT DISMISSAL NOTICES BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HEED MANagements' DEMANDS THAT THEY RETURN TO WORK. THE DISMISSALS HAVE CAUSED SPORADIC PICKETING AT BOTH PLANTS. MINOR VIOLENCE BETWEEN LEFTIIAND UNP UNION SYMPATHIZERS AT TULHIRIYA HAS LED TO THE ARREST OF TWO UNP UNION LEADERS FOR ATTEMPTING TO ASSAULT THE FACTORY ANAGER AND CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER. PICKETING AND PROTEST RALLIES ARE PLANNED AT FACTORIES, THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, AND AT THE TEXTILE CORPORATION.

2. NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON A THREE WEEK OLD COURT APPLICATION TO FILE A WRIT WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE LABOR COMMISSIONER TO INTERVENE IN THE DISPUTE. THIS GIVES CREDENCE TO RUMORS THAT ORDERS FORBIDDING LABOR DEPARTMENT INTERVENTION WERE PASSED DOWN FROM A VERY HIGH GOVERNMENT LEVEL. THE COURT
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MIGHT BE DELAYING ACTION ON THE APPLIVTION FOR POLITICAL OR OTHER REASONS, AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION.
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS WILL CONTINUE
TO BE REPORTED.
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